



**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 2001
7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ms. Boerger, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Groob, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Powell,
Mr. Wilder

ABSENT: Mr. Hehman*, Ms. Rose

**Others Present: Mayor Tom Holocher, City Administrator Bill
Goetz, City Attorney Rob Ziegler, City Clerk Linda Coburn,
Public Works Director Bob Zerhusen, Police Chief Steve
Hensley, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Jansing**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Powell and a second by Mr. Wilder, Council voted
unanimously to adopt the meeting agenda as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2001
regular council meeting and Ms. Boerger offered the second; all present
voted in favor.

**PRESENTATION BY KENTON COUNTY SHERIFF CHUCK KORZENBORN
TO VINCE GOHS**

Sheriff Korzenborn presented a citation naming Mr. Vince Gohs as an "Honorary
Deputy Sheriff" along with a badge to commemorate fifty years of service to the
Fort Mitchell Fire Department. Sheriff Korzenborn expressed his pleasure in
honoring Mr. Gohs and said that real heroes are people just like Vince who
dedicate their free time to helping others.

Mayor Holocher added that the Gohs Family carries a tradition of volunteerism
and he and his three sons have a total of one hundred and twenty years of
service to the Fire Department.

****Mr. Hehman arrived.**

Mr. Goetz also echoed the Mayor's comments saying that it has been a pleasure knowing Mr. Gohs and his wonderful family.

CINERGY POWER PLANT – Mayor Paul Meier and CAO Kevin Celarek, City of Crestview Hills

Mayor Meier expressed gratitude for the letters sent by Mayor Holocher to the Kentucky Division of Air Quality opposing the proposed power plant on Crescent Springs-Erlanger Road.

The Permit has been granted for this installation despite the opposition of several cities and Northern Kentucky citizens, however the City of Crestview Hills has started the appeal process. Several fact sheets were distributed to Council and it was pointed out that this will be the largest stationary source of air pollution in Northern Kentucky. Prevailing winds from the southwest will carry pollutants to all residential areas and the power plant stacks will be the same height as the intake valves of the closely located Baptist Convalescent Home. During the hot humid days of summer, pollutants will lay stagnant over the area.

It is also pointed out that there are eighteen additional "peaking" power plants planned in the state which is a fifty percent increase in power generation. The purpose for these plants is to market power to other states within a two hundred mile radius of a given site. The only reason Cinergy wants to locate a plant here is the ability to generate power cheaply since a natural gas pipeline exists. There are no regulations in Kentucky regarding the proximity of these power plants in any area, such as residential.

To sum up his presentation, Mayor Meier expanded on several facts. The appeal will be based on what he believes is misinformation given by Cinergy as well as changes made to the application prior to submission to the Kentucky Division of Air Quality. Currently it is hoped that cities will support the appeal by formal position and perhaps modest financial support; Crestview Hills has pledged \$10,000.

Kevin Celarek introduced Dr. Riley Kinman, owner of R N K Environmental Services who answered technical questions on pollution impact. Mayor Holocher said in his opinion, it is important to continue opposition to this project.

Mr. Powell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2001-6 to support the appeal for the Cinergy power plant permit issued by the Kentucky Division of Air

Quality and to continue opposition of the project. Mr. Wilder offered the second and all present voted in favor.

CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No one came forward to address Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Holocher made the following announcements:

- The Kentucky Supreme Court denied the Sanitation District appeal and commended the city's law firm of Ziegler & Schneider and Mr. Joseph Baker as lead attorney for the favorable outcome.
- There will be a special council meeting on May 30th at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the new fiscal year budget.
- Mr. Plummer was informed that nothing has been done about the curbs in the Ridge Road area but something will be submitted at the next meeting:

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Ziegler has nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Goetz reported the following:

- Pension Buyback: The KLC has advised that the Pension Reform Act is a top priority of the U. S. Senate and is combined with a tax reduction bill. The IRA and 457 Pension Plan portability is still intact and would not be effective until January 1, 2002 if adopted.
- It is hopeful that the final draft of a telecommunication ordinance will be ready in June.
- NKAPC is working on setting up state mandatory training meetings in the evenings for planning members as well as Board of Adjustment members.
- The sidewalk improvements in the Crescent Park area really looks great and Council is encouraged to take a look.

Mr. Zerhusen was invited to give a street project report:

- The Edenderry-O'Brien area improvements is slated to start June 11th.
- As soon as some negotiated easements are completed, the Woodlawn Avenue project will begin.

- The Miami Avenue improvement bids have been advertised and will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on June 4th.

Mr. Goetz continued his report:

- Mr. Goetz had inserted a newspaper article in the Council packet about certain species of male trees triggering allergic reactions by creating an over-abundance of pollen. He will inform the Municipal Tree Board since allergies seem to be a prominent factor in this area.

Having taken part in last year's July 4th Parade, Mr. Plummer asked about the turn from Orphanage Road onto Dixie Highway and how narrow the turn becomes because the crowd moves into the intersection; is there a way to control the crowd with barriers or more police officers? Chief Hensley said the barrier technique has been used without success. Police bike control has also been attempted without much luck. The Sheriff's Department gives us nine officers for assistance every year but the parade is popular and gets larger every year and the problem increases.

Mr. Powell suggested that instead of tossing candy to the crowd by the parade participants, candy should be given out by others behind the curb so there will be no reason for parade observers to run out into the street.

- The Annual Golf Outing at Twin Oaks is scheduled for July 27th and tee times are being taken by the administration staff.
- Plans for the Holbrook property should be available by the second Council meeting in June.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Hehman reminded Council that the Signage Committee will meet on May 31st at 7:00 p.m. regarding the West Orchard/Ridge Road area. Notification letters will be mailed to the residents this week.

Mrs. Boerger asked if the Kathleen Drive residents have had any problems with the recent rains relative to the Chamber Office Park project. Mr. Zerhusen informed Council that he has not been informed of any, so apparently not.

Mr. Plummer thanked Mr. Zerhusen for trimming the vegetation in the West Orchard area; visibility is much improved.

Mr. Wilder submitted a packet of nomination letters to the City Clerk for the Wall of Honor and preference forms will be given to Council.

At this time, Mr. Wilder read a proposed resolution in observation of Emergency Medical Services Week being held nationwide from May 20th through May 26th.

Mr. Wilder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2001-7 and Mr. Powell offered the second; all present voted in favor.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Cooper to adjourn the meeting, all present voted "Aye".

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Signed _____ 2001

Linda Coburn, City Clerk

Thomas E. Holocher, Mayor